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1. IN JUNE 8 MEETING WITH MINHLTH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TUJON, SCIATT CONVEYED NIH PLEASURE AT RECEIPT OF TOPICS PROPOSED BY ROMANIAN SIDE FOR BIOMEDICAL PRIORITIES WORKSHOP (REF A) AND FACT THAT NIH EXAMINING TOPICS AND BEGINNING TO PLAN PROGRAM.

2. RE NIH SUGGESTION THAT WORKSHOP BE POSTPONED, TUJON SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH MODEST POSTPONEMENT, BUT HOPED WORKSHOP COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING CURRENT YEAR.

3. SINCE NIH WORKSHOP PLANNING TEAM, WHICH VISITED ROMANIA IN JANUARY SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER 1978 AS MONTH FOR CONVENING WORKSHOP, AND, THIS MONTH WAS INCORPORATED INTO AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES, AND ROMANIANS HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS TIME FRAME BY SUBMITTING RESEARCH THEMES AND NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, SCIATT WAS NOT IN STRONG POSITION TO PUSH FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MAY IN FACE TUJON'S SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE REACTION.

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4. IN VIEW DISCUSSION WITH MINHLTH OFFICIALS AND RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTIES IT WILL POSE FOR NIH, EMBASSY HOPES THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, NIH CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HOLD WORKSHOP DURING CALENDAR 1978. GIVEN LENGTHY DELAYS IN SECURING GOR AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE, TO PRESS FOR LENGTHY DELAY NOW THAT ROMANIANS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR FALL

MEETING COULD SET BACK PROGRESS IN OUR BIOMEDICAL RELATION-
SHIP SO PATIENTLY ACHIEVED OVER THE YEARS BY NIH.
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